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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER  |                             |                              | Case No. 659-700<br>K-C Ref. No. 15688 |
| Serial No.<br>09/855,182  | Filing Date<br>May 14, 2001 | Examiner<br>Karin M. Reichle | Group Art Unit<br>3761                 |
| Inventor(s)<br>Fell et al.  |                             |                              |  |
| Title of Invention<br>ABSORBENT GARMENT WITH EXPANDABLE ABSORBENT ELEMENT |                             |                              |  |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Reply to January 8, 2004 Office Action; Second Supplemental Request for Amendment of Drawings and one (1) replacement drawing sheet; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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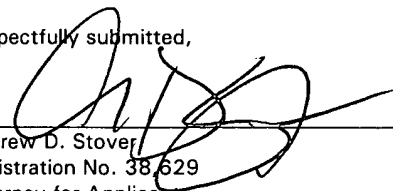
|   | Claims Remaining After Amendment |       | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Total                                     |                                  | Minus |                                 |               |
| Indep.                                    |                                  | Minus |                                 |               |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim |                                  |       |                                 |               |

| Small Entity    |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Rate            | Add'l Fee |
| x \$9 =         |           |
| x 43 =          |           |
| + \$145 =       |           |
| Total add'l fee | \$        |

| Other Than Small Entity |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Rate                    | Add'l Fee |
| x \$18 =                |           |
| x \$86 =                |           |
| + \$290 =               |           |
| Total add'l fee         | \$        |

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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